

NORTH DAKOTA



Emergency Medical
Services for Children



EMSC ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

March 6, 2015 - 12:00 PM (CST)
North Dakota State Capitol
Health Facilities Resource Room #206

TELECONFERENCE
Dial 1-866-775-0805

In Attendance: Tom Nehring, Elizabeth Pihlaja, Lindsey Narloch, Jan Franklund Sarah Myers, Deb Hanson, Ron Lawler, Tamara Harvey, DeNeen Feist, Leann Kellar

- December 4, 2014 meeting minutes approved with no changes

EMSC Program Update – Elizabeth Pediatric Safe Transport Presentations –

- This presentation is 25 minutes long and has been very well received
- It includes a slide presentation based on the NHTSA Safe Transport Document that we work from and a demonstration on how to attach a child car seat to a stretcher
- Elizabeth asks for a volunteer(s) to participate with attaching the car seat and taking it off
- Final presentation will be at the State EMS Conference on Saturday, April 11, 2015 at the Bismarck Event Center

Maryland Reference for Safe Transport of Children in Ambulances -

- These are laminated guides created by the State of Maryland EMSC Program – Maryland has given Elizabeth permission to reprint them for distribution in North Dakota.
- This guide goes through the different child restraint devices
- This guide will be sent to every ambulance in the state
- If you are interested in seeing the document, please contact Elizabeth and she will email it to you.

New Grant Award –

- EMSC was awarded the full grant funds for the coming year
- There will be carryover funds available this year so Elizabeth will be sending an email out asking if you have any ideas or areas of needs we could research in order to spend the carryover money

- Elizabeth is planning to request using a portion of the carryover funding for a couple of Pediatric Emergency Assessment, Recognition, and Stabilization (PEARS) trainings

National EMSC Meeting –

- Will be held in July in Salt Lake City
- It hasn't been decided yet how many individuals we are allowed to bring from each state
- Typically it has been the program manager and the family representative who attend
- Elizabeth is hoping to bring along one or two more people
- If she can bring others, she will send a call out to the Advisory Committee to see who would be interested in coming

EMSC Day -

- The Governor will release a proclamation proclaiming May 20, 2015 EMSC Day in North Dakota
- There will be the possibility of having media coverage for EMSC Day and EMS Week
- Elizabeth has been in touch with a local school about having an ambulance come to the school
- The Paramedic on the ambulance will give a safety talk, explain what happens in an ambulance and give the students a tour of the ambulance
- The students will decorate a big thank you card

EMSC Advisory Committee Recruitment -

- Still reaching out to some physicians
- Hoping to get pediatric trauma doctor involvement
- Reaching out to some of the tribes in the state to get some representation from them
- If you have any recommendations, please contact Elizabeth

Subcommittee Updates -

Pre Hospital Subcommittee -

- Has met and is moving forward on a project called the North Dakota EMS for Children Pediatric Prepared Voluntary Ambulance Recognition Program
- What this program does is make sure each ambulance has the required equipment for pediatric care
- Make sure the squad members have the 2 hours of continuing education in infant care, pediatric care, obstetric emergencies
- Make sure that the ambulance service has done some kind of community outreach or education in the last year and has submitted documentation of that
- After all of the above has been accomplished, we will send them a certificate, decals for their ambulances to let people in their community know their ambulance squad is pediatric prepared
- We will send the ambulance a press release that they can send to their local media for newspaper and television coverage

Hospital Sub-Committee –

This committee will do focus work in the area of -

- Pediatric Readiness in Emergency Departments
- Promoting Family-Centered Care

Outreach & Education –

- This committee will be working closely with Rachael and the Safety Council
- Rachel is doing a lot of work with AED Training and Maintenance in K-12 Schools
- This is something really important that the Outreach & Education committee can work and possibly have EMSC involvement

Emergency Preparedness –

This committee will work on -

- Hospital Disaster Plans
- Working with Child Care Centers on Emergency Preparedness Plans and Transition to K-12
- Lindsey recommended an individual from Department of Public Instruction be on the sub-committee (Valerie Fischer)

Update on EMSC Community of Practice: Disaster Preparedness -

- This is collaboration between the Federal EMSC program and the EMSC National Resource Center
- This has been going for one year and Elizabeth would like to share some of the topics they have discussed which has given Elizabeth background information on pediatric disaster preparedness and disaster planning that can be used in moving forward
- Have had speakers such as Dr. Steven Krug, who is the chair of the AAP Disaster Preparedness Advisory Council talking about working across cultural organizational geographical boundaries
- This will be helpful in working with populations such as -
- Transient people (with the oil boom) and people living mobility
- Reservations and tribal members (making sure we are getting proper cultural outreach done so that it's the most effective as it can be)
- Has also given a lot of resources they have developed for state EMSC programs, such as -
- Checklist of pediatric domains
- Considerations for hospital disaster preparedness plans
- EMSC is hoping to implement this in hospitals across the state and make sure that hospitals are ready to deal with pediatric patients in those kind of emergencies
- Our next step for North Dakota is to identify some goals and objectives of where we want to be, how we think the Advisory Committee can do that kind of work and then develop an action plan

Looking Ahead: Examining the idea of regionalization of care for pediatric emergencies -

- Have voluntary pediatric recognition levels for pediatric emergency departments
- A lot of other states do voluntary recognition for emergency departments

- Arizona has a very strong program that is a collaboration between the EMSC program and the Arizona Academy of Pediatrics
- There are different tiers and it is all voluntary

Meetings & Conferences Update –

- Meetings and Conference updates are listed on the agenda for today's meeting

Committee Member Updates –

Lindsey –

- No updates to report at this meeting

Tom –

- Has an interest in the development of an EMSC system in the State of North Dakota so EMSC can be fully recognized

Sarah –

- No updates to report at this meeting

Deb –

- No updates to report at this meeting

Ron –

- No updates to report at this meeting

Tamara -

- The NW Region did a mock disaster drill with Tioga Hospital and their EMS which involved a school bus
- Also brought in helicopters and loaded patients
- It was a great drill bringing the hospital and EMS together
- Are participating in a Scrub Camp and working on getting a SIM truck to the camp to educate the kids about the SIM truck and what it does

DeNeen –

- Got a small grant through the Busch Foundation and used it to develop what they call the Caregiver Café
- The impetus for the Caregiver Café was they had a board member that passed away not long ago who had several children with special healthcare needs
- She was the primary provider and Dad worked in the oil field and was left not knowing what to do
- The Caregiver Café has a lot of emergency preparedness-type of forms, information and activities available
- The forms are on a wristband thumb drive so if something should happen the family has immediate access to those forms
- This has been piloted in Bismarck and will be piloted in Ft. Yates
- Several agencies and providers have requested Family Voices do a workshop for their families, however, details such as cost would need to be worked out
- Parent Leadership Institute will be June 5-7, 2015
- If you know any families of children with special healthcare needs that are ready for the next level, perhaps some advocacy, have them contact Family Voices

- DeNeen was nominated for a MCH Committee – which is the National Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee
- It is through the US Department of Transportation
- Seeing a lot of families that have been brought here in search of oil jobs
- Now with the layoffs, families are looking for healthcare
- It has put them in a precarious situation so it has been very busy
- Family Voices has also been assisting as navigators for the Affordable Healthcare Act
- North Dakota signed up over 18,000 for the affordable healthcare and over 14,000 for the expanded Medicaid – that is about half of the uninsured population

Resources/Additional News –

- Please check the agenda for this listing

Future Meeting Dates –

- June 4, 2015 from 1:00-3:00
- September 3, 2015 – In person/BTWAN with HRSA visiting) from 1:00-3:00 in AV210
- December 3, 2014 from 1:00-3:00

Adjourn